Mode dynamics in solid-state organic micro-lasers

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The objective of this project was to investigate the dynamics of dye-doped polymer-based microlasers. At the beginning of the project, the cavities were quasi two-dimensional (thickness 0.6 µm and 100 µm in plane). Stefan Bittner worked on square-shaped cavities. The semi-classical description of this non-integrable system was in very good agreement with numerical simulations and experiments [1]. It was then used to dynamically control the emission, under operation [2]. These methods were also applied to various triangles. The features were evidenced to depend on the geometry of the triangles [3]. In parallel, the fabrication and the characterization setup were extended to three-dimensional resonators (see Figure). We then developped a 3D goniometer [4] and investigated cuboids with a square-shaped cross section [5].



Image in real colors of a cuboid microlaser under optical pumping. The green pump beam is not visible. The laser emission is yellow-red. The image of the cavity is duplicated by reflection on the substrate.

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